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Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the Minister is aware that the serum-alone method has been condemned by our own Veterinary Conference as well as by the Agricultural Commission presided over by Lord Linlithgow on the ground that it is useless and that the serum-simultaneous method should be used in all cases? In the face of this recommendation. . . "

The hon. the President :—" If the hon. Member stops there, it will be a supplemental question. If however he proceeds further, it will not be."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I am aware, Sir, but it cannot be helped."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" I want to know whether it is the intention of the Government to enforce the Act and waste money and submit the poor ryot and dumb animals to a risky method which has been pronounced to be useless by everybody. "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" We are trying our level best in this direction, Sir."

Public Health

Location of the tuberculosis hospital.

* 162 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to my question 1504 answered on 26th February 1929 will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what decision has been arrived at as to the location of the tuberculosis hospital at or near Madras ;

(*b*) what action has been taken on Dr. Muthu's application for a grant in connexion with his tuberculosis hospital ;

(*c*) what arrangements are provided for treatment of tuberculosis cases in other places than Madras, Rajahmundry and Madanapalle mentioned in the answer, either by Government or by local bodies, and if by the latter, with what grant-in-aid ; and

(*d*) whether Government have in contemplation a comprehensive scheme for treatment of tuberculosis cases in a number of centres ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are considering the question.

(*b*) The Government have refused to comply with Dr. Muthu's request for a grant.

(*c*) Tuberculosis patients are treated in every Government hospital in the Presidency.

(*d*) No.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" With regard to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether orders have since been passed in respect of the construction of the building on the site selected ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Orders have been passed even in February."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathi Mudaliyar :—" May I know, with reference to clause (*b*), on what grounds the application was refused ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The grant was refused on the ground that the Government had already given the land for the hospital on the express understanding that no further liability will be incurred by the Government."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the Mission authorities at Madanapalle have applied for and obtained permission to open a hospital in the Tinnevelly district? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am not aware of it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the Government are giving grants to the Madanapalle people and the Madanapalle people are also charging some fees for the treatment of the patients?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think that that question arises out of the answer on paper."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know why the grant of the land should be a ground for the refusal of the grant now applied for? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It was an express condition to the grant of land."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know when Government expect to be in a position to arrive at a conclusion on this matter? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Very soon."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know which are the alternative sites the Government have in view?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" About three or four sites in Madras."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know which they are? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I think it will be better not to divulge the information before we negotiate with the parties concerned and finally settle."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the opinion of the Council of the Madras Corporation that this site should be abandoned? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" May I know which site the hon. Member refers to? "

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The present site."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know, whether, with reference to clause (*d*) of the question, the Government will take into consideration the question of a scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis cases all over the Presidency? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" In every hospital in the Presidency tuberculosis patients are being treated. Special treatment in tuberculosis is given only in certain places."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it the intention of the Government to shift the tuberculosis hospital from its present site; and if so, what steps have they taken in that direction? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is a matter which has come up before this House very often, by interpellations and otherwise, and the people in the locality have also sent up some memorials."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister received a deputation from the Corporation of Madras condemning this site and stating that it should be used as a playground for school children in the western half of the city ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes, and we also received some memorials."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" May I know why Dr. Muthu's application for grant was rejected ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I submit, Mr. President, I have answered that question already."

Extension of the system of honorary physicians and surgeons to district headquarters.

* 163 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(a) to place before the Council the details of any scheme Government may have sanctioned for the extension of the system of honorary physicians and surgeons to district headquarters ; and

(b) to state how far the scheme has been carried out ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1373, P.H., dated the 31st May 1929, laid on the table.[a]

(b) The proposals called for in paragraph 4 of the Government Order are expected shortly from the Surgeon-General.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to clause (a), I want to know whether Government have considered the question of extending this privilege to the hospitals in the mufassal."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has not read the Government Order in question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to know whether the Government Order applies to the taluk hospitals ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I would again invite the attention of the hon. Member to the Government Order."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" With reference to clause (b), in paragraph 4 of the Government Order, the Surgeon-General has been asked to submit his proposals to the Government not later than the 20th June 1929. May I know, Sir, why there has been delay ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because there was delay in the issue of the Government Order itself."

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